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ABSTRACT

An image processing method is disclosed for performing an under color removal process and a black recording liquid incorporation process on an input three-color signal, and generating image data for an imaging apparatus that is configured to form a color image on a recording medium using recording liquids of cyan, magenta, yellow, and black. The method includes the steps of regulating a maximum black recording liquid incorporation amount such that glossiness of black realized in an image formed on a glossy recording medium is not degraded, setting the black to be realized by the black recording liquid until reaching the regulated maximum black recording liquid incorporation amount, and setting the black to be realized through addition of a composite of the cyan, magenta, and yellow recording liquids if the black to be realized requires an amount of the black recording liquid exceeding the regulated maximum black recording liquid incorporation amount.